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Physician Honored By Medical Society

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Dr. Thomas Herbert Thomason, a physician who has practiced in Fort Worth since 1921, Tuesday night was awarded the Tarrant County Medical Society's gold-headed cane for 1960.

The cane, symbol of distinction in medicine, was presented at a dinner meeting at River Crest Country Club.

Presenting the cane was last year's winner, Dr. C. P. Hawkins.

The cane has been presented annually here since 1951.

Dr. Thomason, 65, is a former president of the Tarrant County Medical Society, the Fort Worth Surgical Society and the Texas Surgical Society.

In receiving the cane as a "doctors' doctor," Dr. Thomason was chosen by his fellow physicians from among 91 physicians who met the requirement to have been a member of the medical society 25 years.

Dr. Thomason, a doctor's son, was born in Huntsville. He was valedictorian of his high school class there.

He received his B. A. degree from the University of Texas with Phi Beta Kappa honors in 1916, and received his M. D. degree from Johns Hopkins Medical School with Alpha Omega Alpha honors in 1920.

He interned at Johns Hopkins Hospital in 1920-1921. He then came to Fort Worth and was resident physician at Johnson and Beall Hospital from 1921 to 1923. He has been a practicing physician and general surgeon since then.

On hand to watch him receive the tribute of his fellow doctors were his wife, Anne, and one of his two daughters, Mrs. Charles Atkinson of Lafayette, La. The other daughter is Mrs. Barton Brown of Manhasset, N. Y.

Principal speaker at the meet-

ing was Gen. C. P. Cabell, a native of Dallas who is now deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

"Willingly or not," he declared, "you are involved in a total cold war."

He urged Americans to inform themselves and their neighbors on the nature of the Communist threat.

"Just as in the past, doctors have stopped great epidemics, so too can the people of the United States, in support of their leaders, play the great role in stopping the spreading Communist menace," he said.

General Cabell said he sees no current movement in the Soviet Union which is likely to topple its leaders.

"It is not a weak regime," he said. "The (Communist) party, which dominates the government, is supported by a ded-



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GEN. C. P. CABELL

... communism, too, an epidemic

icated and efficient managerial class which runs the economy, the military machine and the populace," he explained.

He said Communist leaders are obsessed with a desire to rule the world and that they will seek to destroy free nations any way they can.

"If we display weakness in our military establishment, if they could strike without suffering unacceptable damage in return, then they will strike . . ."

"At this time, our best intelligence judgment is that the Soviet leaders have themselves acquired enough common sense to recognize that if they were to launch a military attack, they would suffer crippling devastation in return."

In their nonmilitary arsenal, the Soviets have techniques of diplomacy, trade, foreign aid and cultural missions—in addition to highly trained, Moscow-directed local parties in almost every country in the world, he said.

In an interview prior to his talk, General Cabell said there are only two appointive jobs in the

CIA—those of its director, Allen W. Dulles, and his own.

He noted that President-elect Kennedy has asked Dulles to stay on as director. "I'm rather assuming that I will be staying on with Mr. Dulles," he said.



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DOCTORS' DOCTOR — Dr. Thomas Herbert Thomason, right, receives the Tarrant County Medical Society's symbolic gold-headed cane. It was presented by last year's winner, Dr. C. P. Hawkins, left.